



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

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Pregnant women may stay with DSHS Medical Assistance!

We sent you a letter – on light blue paper -- saying some non-citizen medical programs through the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Medical Assistance will end in October 2002. We asked you to apply for Basic Health. Basic Health has already mailed you information and an application to fill out and mail.

Pregnant women who are non-citizens can get free medical coverage from DSHS. If a family member or you are pregnant, apply for Basic Health now. This will save a space in Basic Health for the mother after the baby is born. The baby will stay with DSHS Medical Assistance.

Pregnant women need to:

- Complete the Basic Health application. Call Basic Health if you did not receive an application: 1-800-826-2444.
- Be sure to check the box next to the question: **Is anyone listed on this application pregnant?** (This question is on the *back* of the Basic Health Application.)
- Send the application to Basic Health.

Basic Health will let DSHS know who is pregnant. DSHS will send her an approval letter and she will be mailed the green and white medical ID card (coupon) while she is pregnant and for 60 days after the baby is born. While on DSHS Medical Assistance, there are no premiums or copays.

When the baby is born, Basic Health will send the mother more information. If she no longer qualifies for DSHS medical, she will get a letter asking for a premium. When the premium is paid, the mother can go right to Basic Health. The baby will get DSHS medical.

Note: Pregnant women do not have to apply for Basic Health to get DSHS Medical Assistance. To be sure she has DSHS Medical Assistance during her pregnancy, she needs to give her Community Services Office (CSO) worker a statement from her doctor. This statement says she is pregnant and gives the expected date of birth. It is important to know that if she does not apply for Basic Health now, there will be no space saved for her when her DSHS Medical Assistance ends.

Questions?



Call the Medical Assistance Helpline toll free

1-800-562-3022

Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
TTY/TTD users call 711 or 1-800-848-5429